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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, the time period for responding to which has been extended three (3) months to and including December 22, 2006 by the Extension Petition submitted concurrently herewith, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 4 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 9 of this Amendment.